

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*)

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Purpose

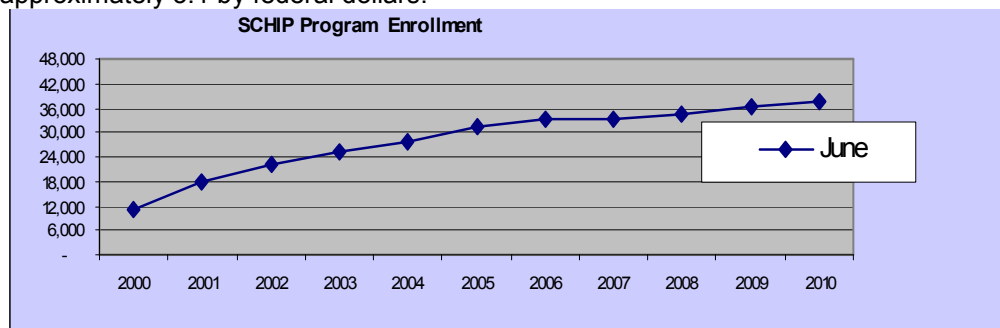
The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid provide health insurance to children in low-income families, thus improving health outcomes. The SCHIP program, aimed at children who are not eligible for regular Medicaid, includes **both** a Medicaid expansion and a separate program called Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*).

Who

- The Medicaid expansion program provides coverage to children ages 6 – 18 whose family income is between 100 percent and 133 percent of federal poverty guidelines, and infants whose family income is between 185 percent and 200 percent of FPL. There were 12,368 Iowa children covered in the expansion program at the end of SFY 08.
- The *hawk-i* program provides health care coverage to children in families who have too much income to qualify for Medicaid. There were 22,212 children enrolled at the end of SFY 08. Eligible children:
 - Are under 19 years old.
 - Have no other health insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid.
 - Are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents for at least five years.
 - Live in a family whose countable income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four, the maximum income is about \$42,400.

What

- Coverage includes physician services, hospitalization, prescription drugs, immunizations, dental, vision care, and more.
- Families with income between 150 percent and 200 percent of FPL pay a premium of \$10 per month per child up to a maximum of \$20 per month.
- Coverage is provided through contracts with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, AmeriChoice (United Healthcare Plan of the River Valley), and Delta Dental of Iowa.
- State expenditures for SCHIP (both *hawk-i* and Medicaid expansion) are matched approximately 3:1 by federal dollars.



How are We Doing?

- The department surpassed the SFY 2008 goal of enrolling an additional 6,250 children in either *hawk-i* or Medicaid. Due in part to an aggressive marketing campaign, 8,994 more children had health care coverage through these programs than were enrolled the year before.
- Families may now apply for the *hawk-i* program or renew their coverage online. <http://www.hawk-i.org/>
- State policymakers have approved legislation to expand eligibility to families with incomes up to 300 percent of federal poverty levels. The change is to take effect in the summer of 2009.
- Iowa consistently ranks among the top states in percent of children with health insurance.